

City of Commerce City, Colorado



Proclamation



Whereas the victims' rights movement has resulted in the passage of laws at the local, state, and federal levels that established essential rights for victims;

Whereas crime victims' rights acts passed here in Colorado and at the federal level have provided victims with ways to participate meaningfully throughout the criminal justice process;

Whereas the rights of crime victims are best protected when all participants in the criminal justice process – not only victims – are appropriately educated about victims' rights;

Whereas supporting victims of crime is crucial to the U.S. justice system because our support honors the experiences of victims and allows them to find autonomy and empowerment through achieving self-defined goals; Whereas we must help victims access the justice, assistance, and support they need to rebuild their lives;

Whereas advocacy by and for victims of crime is itself a form of seeking justice, no less than justice sought in the courts; Whereas the accomplishments of the victims' rights movement – achieved through compassion and collaboration, and built on the courageous advocacy of individual victims and their families across the country – inspire in us hope for future progress and greater healing;

Whereas we are determined to respond to crime and violence by helping victims find not only support, recovery, and justice, but also a sense of hope for their future;

Whereas Commerce City is hereby dedicated to strengthening victims and survivors in the aftermath of crime, building resilience in our communities and our victim service providers, and bringing hope and healing to all victims and survivors;

Now, therefore, I, Benjamin Huseman, Mayor of Commerce City, on behalf of the City council, do hereby proclaim the week of April 18–24, 2021, as Crime Victims' Rights Week, reaffirming Commerce City commitment to creating a victim service and criminal justice response that assists all victims of crime during Crime Victims' Rights Week and throughout the year; and expressing our sincere gratitude and appreciation for those community members, victim service providers, and criminal justice professionals who are committed to improving our response to all victims of crime so that they may find relevant assistance, support, justice, and peace.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed on the nineteenth day of April 2021.

CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO

Benjamin A. Huseman, Mayor

